

Millard, the community that Senator Simon comes from. I have yet to see where this type of utility has been unfair to those who buy their product. They give them ample time to take care of their payments. Those who are subsistence in their income have certain resources available to them for this purpose. By the same token there are others who have the wealth who constantly ignore those notices of payment. Many times they can borrow money rather cheaply and pay it at a later time and suffer no consequences. For those of us who pay at an earlier date we get some kind of a discount. So, I suggest to you today that if we adopt anything on LB 604 that it is really not worth our time. If Senator Simon can prove to us that the utility companies are indeed taking advantage of a great number of citizens across the state, then I think that most of us would be willing to accept his proposal. But, as I look at it totally, he has amended it to the point where he is going to provide nothing more than a hearing procedure within that utility company. They already have this. If I as an individual customer feel that I have been maligned, I have the right to go to that particular board, to that utility and to state my case, and ask for regress and a grievance procedure. I submit to you that what we have today in the way the utility is serving Nebraska presently they are doing well, we do not need this legislation nor the amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I thought that Senator Simon was going to give the introduction of the bill when I turned the committee amendments over to him and he apparently misunderstood. So, I think what we need to do is move the adoption of the committee amendments and then....

PRESIDENT: We are on...we are talking about the committee amendments. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR DWORAK: Oh, they have been adopted?

PRESIDENT: No, no. We are talking about the committee amendments. That is what we are on.

SENATOR DWORAK: Did Senator Simon realize that in his opening?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR FOWLER: Are there others that wish to speak on the committee....Mr. Chairman, are there others that wish to speak on the committee amendments?

PRESIDENT: Yes, there are Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, I guess that I would speak to the amendments first then. The compromises presented here, something that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee worked out takes out several objectional parts that people had, that industry had to the bill. It narrows its focus simply to the question of utility shut-off. I would think that those that even have some concerns about that would be willing to go along with this compromise that has been worked out by the Miscellaneous Subjects